Assignment: Wiki # 3

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Statement of the Problem:

In PS X a general 1st grade classroom consists of English only students and ELL Chinese students. The problem is these two groups of students self-separate. They mostly do not interact or communicate with each other. During team activities, they prefer being arranged with others from their groups.  The problem is mainly a language barrier. The solution is to find a method of increasing interaction between these two groups of students.

Research Hypothesis:

To implement a form of dual language immersion to 16 Mandarin students and 15 English-speaking students in a 1st grade classroom.  The dual language immersion program will be a five-week period. Dual language lessons will be given 4 times a week for about 45 minutes each day after lunch. On alternating days’ students will be required to speak either only Mandarin or only English for the 45 minute session. The dual language immersion program will be conducted by use of story books, flash cards, cartoons, sing-alone activities, role plays and labels throughout the classroom.

A short, simple Survey will be given to each individual student at the beginning and end of the program to measure any change in the class. A simple oral test will be used to measure how much of the foreign language they have learned in the program. A student and parent(s) engaged activity will be assigned at the end as well.